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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to show the U-shaped configuration for the sound dampening pad presently claimed in claim 9. Applicants submit herewith a new Fig. 6 directed to that embodiment of the invention. No new matter has been added. The drawing is identical to original Fig. 2, except that the U-shaped embodiment of the pad is depicted. Such a U-shaped embodiment was described in words in the originally filed specification, for example, at page 6, paragraph [0025] and original claim 9.

REMARKS

The Notice stated that the Amendments to Drawings portion of applicants' previous response was non-compliant because "each sheet of replacement or annotated drawings must be labeled in the top margin as 'replacement' or 'annotated'."

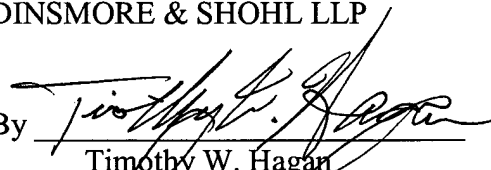
Accompanying this paper, applicants have supplied the new drawing figure with the notation "REPLACEMENT" in the top margin. Because Figure 6 is a new drawing figure, it is not strictly a "replacement" sheet (i.e., it does not replace any originally-filed drawing sheet). Nor is it a corrected sheet, and thus no annotations are believed to be required. However, because the Office practice presents an "either/or" choice, and "new" is not a choice, applicants have elected to respond by placing the notation "REPLACEMENT" on the new drawing sheet.

Applicants submit that their response is now complete and request an action on the merits of that response.

Respectfully submitted,

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